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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE PRESIDENT AND
OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BY 10 AUGUST;
CLARIFICATION OF THE BACKGROUND OF A MEETING

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6. () COMMENTS:

A. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE TO PREPARE A LIST OF ALL THE MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN BECAUSE THE IDENTITIES OF PERSONS INVOLVED AND THEIR ACTIVITIES WERE KEPT VERY CLOSELY HELD AND VERY COMPARTMENTED. PROBABLY THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD PREPARE ANYTHING LIKE A COMPLETE LIST WOULD BE SOMEONE VERY HIGH IN THE MILITARY SERVICES, AND HIS ONLY MOTIVATION FOR PASSING SUCH A LIST TO A U.S. SENATOR WOULD HAVE TO BE A DESIRE TO REMOVE BIGNONE AND NICOLAIDES. IF THAT WAS THE MOTIVATION, THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS ARE PRESENT: NO ONE IN THE ARMED FORCES IS ESPECIALLY HAPPY WITH EITHER BIGNONE OR NICOLAIDES, EVERYONE WHO HAD ANY ROLE IN THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN IS VERY AFRAID OF ANY INVESTIGATION OF THOSE DAYS

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THIS COMBINATION OF FACTORS, ADDED TO THE FACT THAT THE HEADS OF THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES BELIEVE THAT BIGNONE AND NICOLAIDES WERE PREPARED TO PERMIT AN INVESTIGATION OF THOSE DAYS, WOULD PROBABLY BE SUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION, IN THE EYES OF THE MILITARY SERVICES, TO REMOVE BIGNONE AND NICOLAIDES.

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